

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**Community Advisory Committee**  
**10:00 a.m. on March 20, 2019**  
**8036 Ocean View Avenue, Room 20**  
**Whittier, California 90602**

## **MINUTES**

**A. Roll Call-** The meeting opened at 10:04 AM.

East Whittier – Hilda Lopez  
El Rancho – Veronica Ramirez  
Little Lake – Not Present  
Los Nietos – Not Present  
South Whittier – Cheryl Goodman  
Whittier City – Joel Escobar  
Whittier Union – Gloria Ruiz

\*Cheryl Goodman arrived at 10:07 AM.

**B. Approval of Agenda for March 20, 2019**

Moved: Hilda Lopez  
Seconded: Joel Escobar  
Vote: 5-0  
Motion Carried

**C. Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2019**

Moved: Veronica Ramirez  
Seconded: Hilda Lopez  
Vote: 5-0  
Motion Carried

**D. Public Input**

Marisol Rivera, a Whittier City School District parent, shared her concern with overpopulated special day classes in her child's district. She has also met with the Director of Special Education and the Superintendent to discuss her concerns.

## **E. Budget Review**

- a. \$5,000 has been budgeted for CAC for the 2018-2019 school year.
  - i. Approved Expenses thus far for 2018-2019
    - a) \$600 approved to pay presenter for the cyber safety training
    - b) \$120 approved to pay the interpreter for the cyber safety training.
    - c) \$100 approved to pay for food and beverages associated with the cyber safety training.
    - d) \$650 approved to pay for food and beverages associated with the 2019 Special Needs Resource Fair (New Name: Disability Resource and Transition Fair)

The list of approved expenses was reviewed.

## **F. Discussion Items**

- a. How to Keep your Child Safe on Social Media Cyber Safety Training- Review/Feedback

Ms. Queneau reported there was a small turnout despite the change in location and time, about 10-15 people were in attendance. She suggested revisiting the time next time due to higher attendance in the past.

- b. Disability Resource and Transition Fair - Review/Feedback

Ms. Goodman shared that she attended the Disability Resource and Transition Fair and noticed more children with their parents than other years, including many Transition students.

Ms. Ruiz was happy to see so more parents, students, and teachers present at the Disability Resource and Transition Fair. She thought the time change made a difference in attendance. She also thanked Ms. Queneau for her help with this event.

Ms. Queneau reported that there were about 80 people in attendance and 23 organizations who participated in the Disability Resource and Transition Fair; there were things for all levels of students with disabilities. There was an increase in the overall attendance, in particular in the higher grade levels due to the collaboration with the Whittier Union High School District transition program. Additionally, Ms. Queneau shared that one suggestion given by a Director of Special Education was to have it in a more neutral location. Ms. Queneau also suggested we consider changing the time as most families were done visiting with vendors by 7 PM.

Ms. Lopez suggested pushing the event a few weeks back after daylight savings time.

- c. Legislative Information Sharing Day – May 1, 2019
  - i. Hilda Lopes, Gloria Ruiz, and Janet Queneau to attend

Ms. Queneau explained that SELPAs from all over California would have parent representation and would be speaking with legislators in Sacramento regarding Special Education issues. She shared that WACSEP was in the process of confirming appointments with the Senator's and Assemblyman's offices.

#### **G. Action Items**

- a. It is recommended that two representatives from our CAC Board be approved to attend the Sacramento Information Sharing Day on April 30-May 1, 2019 at a not to exceed, estimated cost \$1,200 per person.

Moved: Cheryl Goodman

Seconded: Veronica Ramirez

Vote: 5-0

Motion Carried

#### **H. Director's Comments**

- a. Disability Resource and Transition Fair – Thank you to everyone who helped put the event together

Ms. Queneau thanked everyone who helped make the Disability Resource and Transition Fair a success, especially CAC parents, WACSEP staff, and the Whittier Union High School Transition Program.

- b. Future trainings – to be discussed at next CAC meeting

Ms. Queneau shared that WACSEP has three California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN) representatives who are incredibly informed, two of them are available to present to parents. She presented a draft of the presentation flyer and asked if the CAC Board was interested in moving forward with the training and in having an interpreter for this training.

Ms. Lopez thought the training would be helpful to parents.

Ms. Ruiz agreed that they should move forward in sponsoring the training.

Ms. Ramirez suggested we look into the possibility of offering a webinar for those who could not attend.

- c. Other

Ms. Queneau shared that it is almost a year since she joined the WACSEP team. She stated that it has been a pleasure working with the member districts and the staff.

#### **I. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.